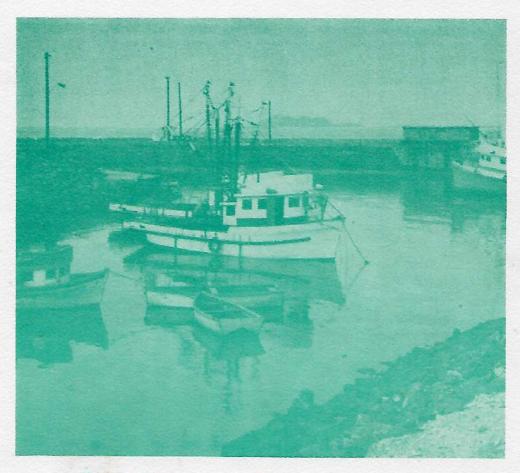


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CHANGE TO CONSTITUTION

Your council - your officers - and Board of Directors of the Phoenix and Tucson Chapters have agreed that it is necessary to amend one article of our constitution, if your club is to be able to keep up with the items.

As you know, the CBSC started with a very small number of actingparticipating members - your club now consists of over 1000 members. A large number of these members live out of the state - some even as far away as Washington and Massachusetts.

Article IX Section 4 of your constitution states "Amendments adopted for the Cholla Bay Sportsman's Club shall have received two thirds majority vote of the membership."

It has been impossible for the past 10 years to amend our constitution and by-laws in any way simply because we have been unable to get two-thirds of the members to vote on any issue.

At its April meeting the Council voted unanimously to amend the above Article and Section of the Constitution to read:

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Club members are invited to write the Council Chairman regarding their views on the above action.



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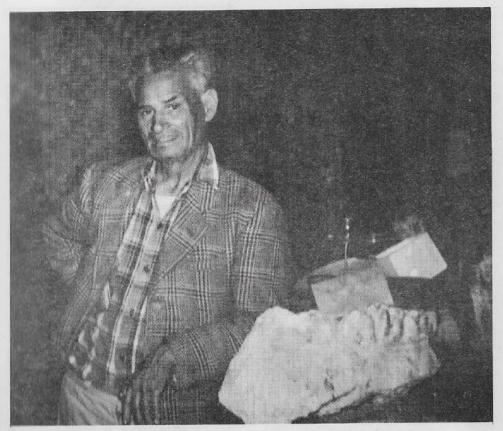
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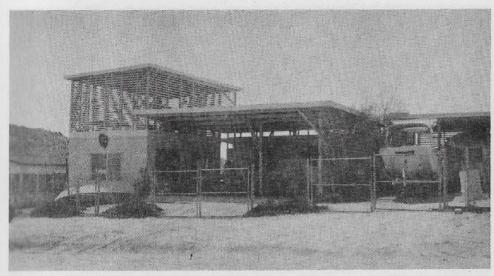
our chapter alone obtained prizes valued at approximately \$600. Most of the fishermen are holding their derby tickets until Labor Day, although those wanting refunds were refunded. Letters of appreciation will be sent to each donor with an explanation of the Derby delay. So, now instead of looking back to our 1970 derby in the past, we can all look forward to Labor Day weekend. See you then!

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Every year about this time. I mouth off quite volubly about how simple it is to expose yourself to perhaps one of the most spectacular gamefish that swims - the mighty Pacific Sailfish. These rascals are far from easy to catch, but they frequent the warm blue waters of the upper gulf during the summertime, and although they are no good whatsoever on the din-din table, the tremendous fight that a mad sailfish puts up when hooked, has to be one of the greatest exhibitions of pure hi-jumping power that any fisherman can ever witness.

This entire lot of drivel is aimed at the hardnosed meat fisherman who frequently sits on his bumbum dangling a tasty morsel for a rock-loving Pinto or grouper in blue water, and spots a sailfish cruising arount the area. This is quite possible, as bait fish usually congregate over the reef areas where the chow is abundant, and consequently the larger surface predators - sailfish dolphin, skipjack, bonita and sharks usually can be found sneaking hither and you in their quest for goodies.

Just for the heck of it, the next time one of you reef fishermen (or fisherwomen) go out, take a medium-action boat rod with a 4/0 reel loaded with from 27 to 50 pound test line and 15' leader (90 to 150 lb test) with a 7 or 8/0

hook along with you. When you spot a sailfish on the surface, pull in your anchor and stow your meat rigs, and head for the sail.

Using a whole mullet (or small mackerel) for bait, slip the point of the hook Smackdab in the middle of his under-jaw and run the point thru his head till the hook protrudes thru the top of his head, ahead of his eyeballs, and as centered as possible. You want the bait to troll without twisting. If it does twist, crank it back in and rehook it or use another bait. Don't ever waste time draggin' a spinning bait! All it will do is foul up your line and a sailfish will ignore it completely.

Freespool the bait (I'm assuming that you don't have outriggers) back into the wake, trolling from 5 to 7 mph, till it flops along the surface part of the time. Without outriggers, you have to keep your reel in freespool with only your thumb holding it from running out. When a sailfish gobbles your bait, you don't want him to feel even the slightest drag. He'll immediately jump and try to rid himself of the booby trap. If you're fast enough and lucky enough, and haven't imbibed too severly, when you first see he is going to jump, ram your reel into gear, ram your foot on the throttle of your boat, and rear back as hard as possible on the rod, trying to hook him before he can spit it out. But if you do everything right, and he behaves accordingly, let him run with your bait while you make a slow 10 count to yourself. Upon reaching 10, sock it to him as I described above.

A dam' cute trick to keep from having to glue your thumb on a freespooled reel while you troll, if you have no outriggers, was demonstrated to me by a Mexican charterboat captain at Guaymas. Take an ordinary clothespin apart, and with plastic tape, secure one half of the pin (with tape) halfway between the reel seat and 1st guide on your rod. Leave the upper (toward the guide) part of the pin-half unwrapped. Freespool your bait back to the desired position, place your reel in click-on position, stick the butt in a convenient rod holder. then make a 2" loop of slack in your line between the reel and 1st guide and jam it tightly between the surface of your rod and the clothespin half you've taped to the rod. If you do it correctly, a good sharp jerk (nothing personal intended) will free the loop from the pin allowing

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By Gene Henry

Man, didn't it blow! I'm still digging sand out of my ears, eyes, nose and other places after the Derby weekend.

Right now, let me add my commendation to the Derby Committee for having the guts and common sense to cancel the Derby. It was the only sensible thing to do under the weather conditions that prevailed.

I understand the Derby has been rescheduled for Labor Day weekend. As far as surf fishing is concerned, fishing conditions will be about the same in September as in June. Trout, pompano and mackerel will still be schooled along the beaches and the water temperature will be just right for comfortable wading without waders.

One category in which you will be much more likely to score is the Ladyfish division. This minature cousin of the tarpon likes hot weather. They usually start appearing in the Cholla Bay area in July and hang around until late September.

The Ladyfish is easily recognized by its oversized eyes and deepforked tail. They rarely exceed three pounds in the upper Gulf, but every ounce is muscle.

You'll know what you are hooked into if you latch onto a ladyfish. The minute these streamlined dragsters feel a hook they are airborne and, as long as they stay hooked, are in the air more than in the water.

Consider yourself lucky if you land one of these acrobats. Like the tarpon, they have an extremely tough bony mouth. This makes it extremely hard to set a hook and, even when set, the hook usually doesn't penetrate deep enough to hold through a series of tumbling leaps.

Boat fishermen take an occasional ladyfish trolling along the coastline, but the majority are caught from shore. For the most part, they congegrate around rocky points and mouths of the estuaries.

For you fly fishermen, ladyfish readily take a fly. Favorite fly patterns for the Cholla Bay area are variations of bucktail streamers, with the Integration and Platinum Blonde being local favorites.

The ladyfish is top sport fare, but lousy table fare. The flesh is full of small bones and the meat is strong and gamy. I know you'll want to keep your catch to check in at the Derby, but other than that, be a sport and put these game little battlers back to be caught another day.

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Charles I. Gause (Concluded)

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Much of what the modern medical world knows today about human kidney function was originally derived from research on sharks. Today, sharks are yielding information basic to our understanding of the disciplines of pharmacology and immunology.

As man on earth, in the sea the shark has almost no known natural enemies except himself.

Approximately 250 different species of sharks inhabit waters throughout the seven seas. Sharks have no bones. They have only flexible cartilaginous skeletons.

Most sharks, throughout their normal lifetime, adhere to a strict social order. (This probably goes far to account for their survival as an astoundingly prolific and successful life form.)

Sharkmeat of the mako, porbeagle, thresher, hammerhead, and dogfish is considered a true gourmet dish on dinner tables of some of the world's greatest fishermen.

These are only some of the facts. What's the best source for more of the straight scoop? For starters, "Sharks and Survival", D. C. Heath and Company, is probably one of the most fascinating and complete

books available today.

A most interesting aspect of shark fishing is the sporting proposition of tagging. Here is an activity to challenge a fisherman's daring. At the same time, a vital link in the research into elasmobranch fauna (sharks and rays, mostly) is strengthened. That is, sport fishermen often have a splendid opportunity of providing research biologists with some rather surprising information. For instance, one shark tagged in Tasmania turned up 1,000 miles away in Australia after 14½ years of freedom.

There are probably many more tagged fish of species other than sharks throughout the world, however. You really have caught a prize when pulling a tagged fish from the water. Each tag bears an address. Return it by mail and there is a reward and often a rather special certificate is issued to the lucky fisherman.

Cholla Bay sport fishermen also have an opportunity of achieving a bit of immortality and notoriety in another respect. A shark taken with only one dorsal fin or with its anal fin missing (that's the small fin on its belly just forward of its tail) would be an important new record for the Gulf of California. One of such a description should be taken to the Biological Sciences Department at the University of Arizona for identification. You will be identified with publication of the official record.

To sum it all up, Cholla Bay sport fishermen are fishing in a most unique region. Evidence of interest in the area was demonstrated by the recent shark expedition organized by three major institutions. Responsible sport fishermen can participate in some very interesting activities. They also have the valuable opportunity of providing some rather solid information to some notable people in the worlds of sport fishing and the marine sciences.



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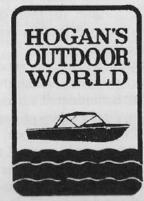
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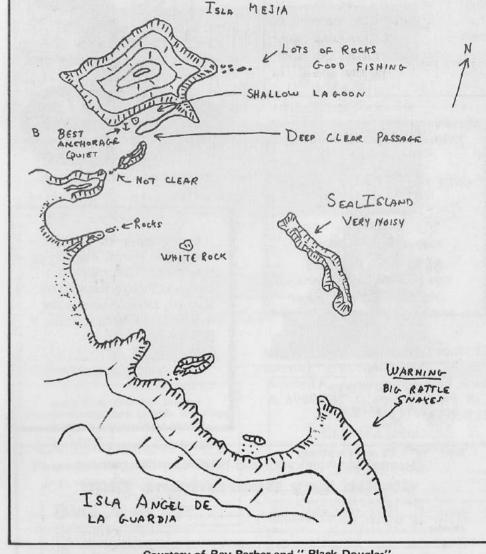
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